

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures, including the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999 and the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4313-S4403

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 894-908, and S. Res. 88-89. **Pages S4346-47**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 106-44) **Page S4346**

Measures Passed:

The Death of Former Senator Hruska: Senate agreed to S. Res. 88, relative to the death of the Honorable Roman L. Hruska, formerly a Senator from the State of Nebraska. **Page S4401**

Designation of the Henry Clay Desk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, designating the Henry Clay Desk in the Senate Chamber for assignment to the senior Senator from Kentucky at that Senator's request. **Pages S4401-02**

Y2K Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, taking action on the following amendments: **Pages S4325-30**

Rejected:

Kennedy motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment: Kennedy Amendment No. 291, to provide for an increase in the minimum

wage. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 94), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S4327-30**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 267, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4325**

Lott Amendment No. 268 (to Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4325**

Lott Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 268), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4325**

Lott Amendment No. 270 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4325**

Lott Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 270), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4325**

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with instructions and report back forthwith. **Page S4330**

Lott Amendment No. 294 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4330**

Lott Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 294), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4330**

The following motion and amendments fell when the Kennedy motion to commit (listed above) was tabled:

A motion was entered to close further debate on Kennedy motion to commit (listed above), in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. **Pages S4328-30**

Kennedy Amendment No. 291, to provide for an increase in the minimum wage. **Pages S4327-30**

McCain (for Lott) Amendment No. 292 (to the instructions of the motion to commit the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4327-30**

McCain (for Lott) Amendment No. 293 (to Amendment No. 292), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4329-30**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the pending motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 267 (listed above), with a vote to occur thereon, on Thursday, April 29, 1999. **Page S4402**

Budget Process Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4330–31**

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. **Page S4331**

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4331**

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with instructions and report back forthwith. **Page S4331**

Lott Amendment No. 296 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), to provide for Social Security surplus preservation and debt reduction. **Page S4331**

Lott Amendment No. 297 (to Amendment No. 296), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4331**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 255 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Friday, April 30, 1999. **Page S4331**

Motion to Request Attendance: During today's proceedings, by yeas 98 and nays 1 (Vote No. 93), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S4330**

Messages From the House: **Page S4342**

Measures Referred: **Page S4342**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S4342**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4372–94**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S4394–95**

Additional Statements: **Pages S4395–S4401**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—94) **Page S4330**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—6) **Page S4330**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and in accordance with S. Res. 88, in respect to the memory of the Honorable Roman L. Hruska, of Nebraska, adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 29, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4402.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Guard Bureau, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, Director, Army National Guard; and Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., Director, Air National Guard.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded closed hearings on the damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, after receiving testimony from Notra Trulock, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, and Ed Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence, both of the Department of Energy; Bob Walpole, National Intelligence Officer for Strategic and Nuclear Programs, National Intelligence Council, Central Intelligence Agency; and Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

ARIZONA TRUST FUNDS/GEOLOGIC MAPPING/SEWAGE TREATMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 415, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds, after receiving testimony from Scott K. Celley, Arizona Governor's Office, Phoenix;

S. 607, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, after receiving testimony from P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and